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SUBJECT: FOREIGN REACTION TO ROKG DOMESTIC POLICIES

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHUNG IL-KWON, JUNE 17 TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD HAD AN ADDITIONAL PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK VERY RECENTLY REGARDING HIS RECENT TRIP ABROAD. AT THAT MEETING, CHUNG WAS MORE FRANK IN DESCRIBING FOREIGN REACTIONS TO REPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY PRESIDENT PARK. INITIAL SESSION WITH PRESIDENT PARK WAS ATTENDED BY FULL DELEGATION AND DEALT WITH ONLY BROAD GENERALITIES.

2. CHUNG SAID THAT HE REPORTED TO PARK SPECIFICALLY ON CONGRESSMAN O'NEIL'S CONCERN REGARDING OUSTING OF FATHER SINNOTT. O'NEIL HAD TOLD CHUNG THAT HIS CATHOLIC CONSTITUENCY WAS MUCH CONCERNED BY THIS ACTION. FURTHER CHUNG REPORTED THAT SEVERAL CONSERVATIVE GERMAN LEADERS, KNOWN TO BE VERY PRO-ROKG HAD URGED THAT TRIALS OF REVERENDS PARK AND KIM BE DROPPED SINCE THE TRIALS WERE HAVING ADVERSE REACTION IN WEST GERMANY. CHUNG REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT PARK MADE NO COMMENT TO EITHER OF THESE REPORTS.

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